



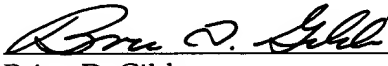
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No: 09/593,914
Date Filed: June 14, 2000
Application Title: Probes, Probe Sets, Methods And Kits Pertaining To The
Detection, Identification And/or Enumeration Of Yeast;
Particularly In Wine
Applicants: Hyldig-Nielsen et al.
Group Art Unit: 1634
Examiner: Carla Myers
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Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants hereby petition for an automatic four month extension of time to file a Brief On Appeal to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 as provided for by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Notice of Appeal was timely filed on August 22, 2003. With this four-month extension, the due date for the Appeal Brief should be February 22, 2003. The Office is hereby authorized to deduct the fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17 for a four month extension for a large entity, believed to be \$ 1,480.00, from Deposit Account No. 02-3240.

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